

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1806 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Fish and Game (Department) to develop a set of protocols to evaluate the need for fish rescue and relocation plans within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. This bill would also specify that all references in law to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta shall always be capitalized, whether or not "Sacramento-San Joaquin" is included in the reference.

This bill is unnecessary and duplicates authority already conferred to the Department by existing laws and regulations for mitigation for fish and wildlife impacts and coordination between federal, state and local agencies. Additionally, the burdensome process that this bill would create could potentially inhibit restoration activities initiated in association with flood control projects.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger